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Round Robin Report for the Heads of Tech Services in Large Research
Libraries Discussion Group
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Organizational Update:

Several new positions have been filled since January including the Head of Rare Books and Special Collections who is coming in August, a Head of the Digital Services and Development Unit, a new unit within the library, and a project coordinator for IDEALS, the University's Institutional Repository. Additionally, several members of Technical Services, along with several other faculty and staff in the library have worked on the Access Strategy Task Force and have made several recommendations for improving access to resources. Our recommendations were approved last week by the Library's Executive Committee. The central cataloging unit in the library will be restructured and an umbrella group will oversee cataloging throughout the library. Much of the work on this initiative will occur throughout the next year.

Electronic Resources Update:

We have begun implementation of SFX for link resolution and WebFeat for federated searching. This initiative will continue on through next year. We are enhancing our homegrown ERMS to include some acquisitions information and licensing terms. We continue to work with our sister campuses at Chicago and Springfield to license content as affordably as possible.

Consortia Initiatives:

On behalf of the CIC, we established procedures for maintaining print archives of Wiley titles at Indiana and the Springer archives at Illinois. Issues have started being received at IU; issues should start to come to Illinois very soon.

Other Initiatives:

We continue to build our cataloging program and became a NACO independent library for corporate names this spring. We appreciate our colleagues at Indiana, especially Carl Horne, for his assistance. We continue to create check in records in Voyager and have created almost 9000 check in records since September with no additional staff cleaning up hundreds of serial bibliographic records as we go. Working with the Head of Preservation, we will implement the Voyager binding module this summer.